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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12-15-52

WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal, with warm weather during the early and middle parts of the week, but a marked change to the colder overspread the State Saturday and Sunday. Light to moderate snow fell over the southern portion of the Panhandle and the extreme southwest during the middle of the week. No measurable precipitation occurred over the remainder of the State during the week.

CROPS Winter wheat went into the winter dormant stage in poor to fair condition in the eastern part of the State, but is in good condition in the western area. Soil is generally packed well around the crown and there should not be heavy loss from winter killing.

A light snow occurred again over parts of the Panhandle and lack of wind resulted in the snow staying on the fields, which will add to the already favorable moisture condition in that area. Elsewhere in the State additional precipitation would be beneficial to the crop, although there is some apprehension by many farmers as to whether the wheat that did not germinate before moisture fell will come up when growing weather occurs.

Farm work consisted mainly of the usual winter chores but there has been more than the usual amount of interest shown by farmers in securing good seed for the planting of next year's spring grain crop. Several farmers have submitted seed samples for purity and germination tests while many other farmers are running their own tests for germination. Corn shelling was rather active during the past week and there was some movement of corn to market. Several farmers have placed their alfalfa seed crop under Government loan because of low prices.

LIVESTOCK Weather conditions the past week were quite favorable for the care of and feeding livestock. There appears to be more than the usual number of farmers feeding small lots of cattle this year and during the past week there was considerable activity by many farmers in picking up some calves for future feeding.

Livestock continue in good condition. Most cattle are receiving a supplemental feeding of hay and some concentrate. There are local areas in the State where hay may be short in supply before the winter feeding season ends but for the most part the supply of hay in Nebraska will be adequate for current livestock needs. Lambs will be fed in the State mostly in commercial feed lots, as wheat pasture and other pasture feeds are limited and have supplied very little grazing for lambs.

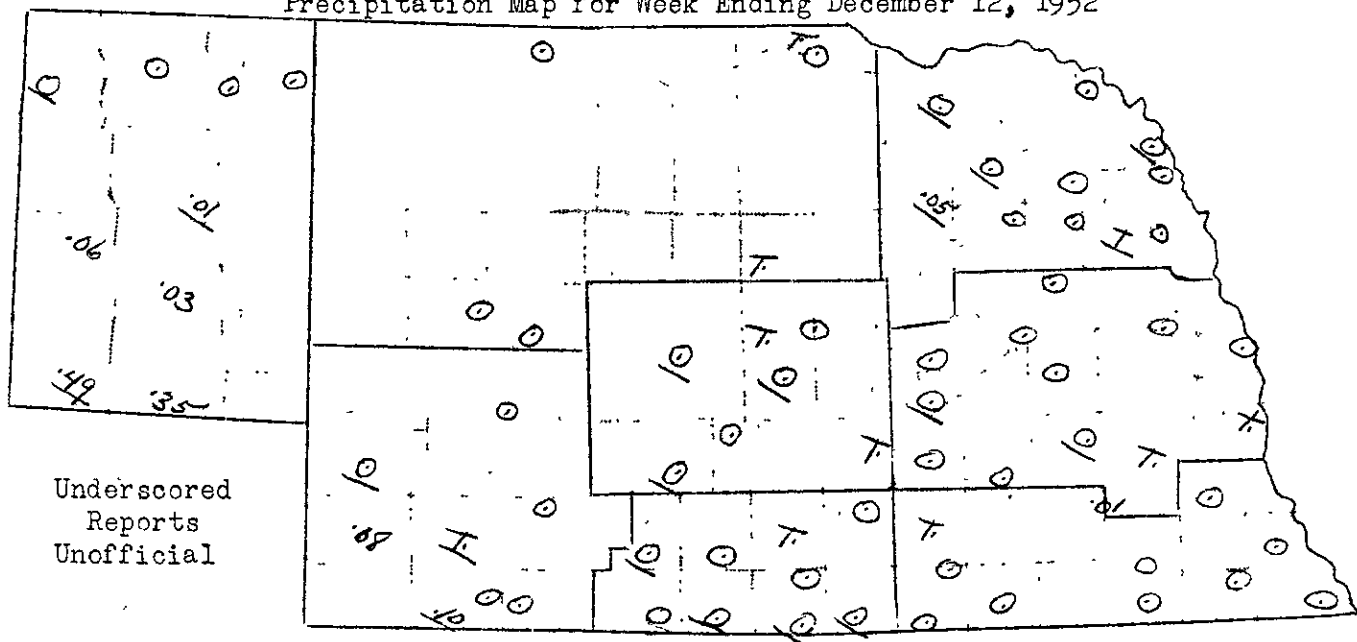
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 15, 1952

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
None	None	Chadron 0
		Imperial .05
		Scottsbluff .10
		Sidney .14

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending December 12, 1952



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		December													
		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	43	28	35	11	41	29	35	24	36	22	34	10	44	33
	Scottsbluff	41	20	37	14	47	32	41	24	34	31	34	17	32	21
	Sidney	42	17	35	15	42	29	42	20	33	28	31	6	34	24
N-C	Burwell	53	25	41	21	45	28	43	15	38	10	23	3	35	11
	Valentine	45	27	38	19	39	30	40	14	35	13	27	5	35	18
NE	Norfolk	54	24	42	21	43	26	43	22	35	14	21	10	29	15
	Sioux City	53	26	44	20	41	24	43	25	33	16	23	11	27	11
CEN.	Grand Island	55	24	45	25	45	30	47	22	38	14	24	9	31	15
	Lexington	51	24	44	21	45	24	45	17	41	10	35	7	38	21
E-C	Lincoln	53	31	45	27	42	32	47	24	37	20	25	13	29	21
	Omaha	52	26	43	26	40	28	45	28	35	18	23	13	29	16
SW	Imperial	48	26	41	21	45	29	41	25	35	24	33	8	37	25
	North Platte	50	20	42	15	45	21	43	18	41	13	35	6	36	17

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